

PLANS FOR NEW LAWS

Programme Announced for All-States Conference.

UNIFORM SYSTEM WANTED

Measures to Regulate Child Labor, Food and Drug Trade, and Divorce to Be Considered—International Association Will Ask States to Protect Against Inheritance Tax.

More than 600 delegates have already been named to participate in the conference on uniform legislation called by the National Civic Federation, to meet in Washington, January 17, 18, and 19. Many of the delegates named by the governors will meet to organize the coming week.

A number of the organizations have called their executive committees to Washington to attend the conference, notably the National Grange, the American Federation of Labor, the Farmers' National Congress, the National Association of Life Insurance Presidents, and the National Association of State Boards of Arbitration.

The International Tax Association has asked for consideration of the subject of adjustment of national to State and local taxation. It will ask the States to protect against any Federal inheritance tax on the ground that that is a source of State revenue.

Interest in Divorce Bill.

Great interest has been manifested in the proposed discussion of a divorce bill. A summary of the bill, which was agreed upon after three national conferences, is being sent to all delegates. The association of commissioners adopted the bill and secured its passage in New Jersey and Maryland. The discussions at all of those conferences showed it was practically impossible to come to any agreement on a general list of causes for divorce. However, they unanimously agreed upon a measure striking at the migratory divorce evil and a measure that made children, legitimate in one State, legitimate in all States. The causes for divorce in the bill are those which are already in the laws of some thirty-eight States.

The time on the programme allotted to the insurance question will be used by official representatives from the national conference on State insurance commissioners, the National Association of Life Insurance Presidents, the American Life convention, the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and the casualty insurance companies. A quarter of a billion of dollars is the average annual fire loss in the United States for the last five years. The National Board of Fire Underwriters is moving for uniform State laws to check this waste of property.

Want Laws to Conform.

The time allotted for railway regulations will be used by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the National Association of Railway Commissioners, the railway managers, the shippers' associations and the electric light, gas, and street railway national associations. The railway commissioners are asking to have the State laws made to conform as nearly as may be to the Federal laws and to the rulings of the Interstate Commerce Commission on such subjects as:

Safety appliances, car service and car distribution, methods of bookkeeping and accounting, annual reports to public authorities, bills of lading, transportation of explosives, free or reduced state of transportation, filing, publication and compulsory observance of rates, including law for the punishment of departures from tariffs or other abuse practices, and general provisions designed to secure improvement in freight and passenger service.

The time allowed for vital statistics will be utilized by the American Public Health Association, American Medical Association, National Health Association, representatives from the Division of Vital Statistics of the United States Bureau of Census, and the conference of commissioners on uniform State laws.

The American Medical Association has prepared a draft of a model law to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths.

For Uniform Accounting.

The need for uniform public accounting will be presented by officials from the United States Census Bureau, the National Municipal League, the League of American Municipalities, the American Statistical Association, and the American Association of Public Accountants.

Uniformity in pure food legislation is demanded by a great many organizations. The National Association of State Labor Commissioners recommends uniform State legislation regulating the employment of women and children, and the hours of labor of all employees in injurious occupations that should properly come under the police power of the State; also uniform laws with regard to factory and mine inspection, compensation for accidents, and with respect to convict-made products.

The American Automobile Association, with the support of the National Grange and the good roads organizations, will present a model uniform State bill which provides for proper identification, control of operators by revocable licenses, and speed provisions which shall prevent and punish reckless driving. They also will present a Federal registration law.

The governors' conference, which is to be held on January 18, 19, and 20, has appointed Govs. Hughes, Fort, Weeks, Harmon, and Marshall, a committee on programme for their conference and on co-operation with the federation's conference.

POULTRY SHOW OPENS.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 4.—The first exhibit of the Lynchburg Poultry Association began here to-day. There are 600 birds on exhibition. Many of the exhibitors are from Maryland, District of Columbia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. The show will close Friday night. The judging was completed to-day, and the awards are to be made known to-morrow.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, Jan. 4.—Arrived at Lufftala at Liverpool; President Grant at Cherbourg; Curlew at Queenstown.

Sailed from foreign ports: Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm from Bremen.

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WINTRY WINDS.

The wintry winds are rude and keen; it jars me when I hear them roar; they've been in storage up between the icebergs on the arctic shore. But yesterday the skies were blue, and in the night a change arose; it rained and hailed and blew and snow, and so I hug the trusty stove. Old Winter's now abroad, indeed, yet I make no complaint, in truth, as selfishly I sit and read, the latest volume by Old Sleuth. For I have coal and wood to burn, and pies to eat, a place to sleep; there's comfort every way I turn; it would be criminal to weep. I keep the good stove roaring hot, with all the coal that it will hold, and try to drive away the thought of hungry people in the cold. Of poor old famine-wasted hags, who once were maidens, fair to see; of children wearing scanty rags, and wailing in their misery; of wanderers without a home, who fain would find a place to die. I cannot stand it any more! Such visions all my pleasure swipe! And so I'll shut the old stove door, and turn the damper in the pipe, and do some rustling in the storm, to help old age or stricken youth, and then come back where it is warm, and hit the pages of Old Sleuth! WALT MASON.

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DIPLOMATS AS GUESTS AT FIRST RECEPTION

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army and navy men and women stood about, enjoying punch, lobster salad, Maryland biscuits, ice, cakes, bonbons, and what they liked best of a generous collation.

At 11:30 o'clock, the reception was over and all guests had departed feeling glad they had been among the fortunate who were asked to this first evening function of this new administration.

Grouped Behind Receiving Line.

During the receiving of the guests the members of the families of the Cabinet members and their house guests were grouped behind the receiving line, a small and distinguished company. Miss Taft and her brother Robert were present the very part of the evening. The Misses Meyer, daughters of the Secretary of the Navy, who were gowns of flowered silk trimmed with gold lace and Russian sables; Miss Nagel, daughter of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, in a gown of white satin trimmed with silver; Mr. Amos MacVeagh, and various other guests were in and out of that interesting apartment.

The President remained down stairs after the supper, chatting in the Red Parlor and then in the Blue Room, until a little after 11 o'clock, when he ascended the stairs with the Vice President and Mrs. Sherman, and the members of the Cabinet circle at their leisure, which closed one of the prettiest and most successful affairs ever given in the White House.

Mrs. Palmer Gracefully Gowned.

Among the many really wonderful toilettes was that of Mrs. Potter Palmer, of Chicago, house guest of Mrs. MacVeagh, whose jewels were truly resplendent. Her petite figure was gracefully gowned in gray satin, with a tunic of heavy embroidery in several shades of gray and silver, with much silver embroidery about the bodice, and some exquisite Venetian point lace. She wore a wide dog collar of splendid diamonds, set in a fanciful pattern, and upon her snowy hair a crown-like tiara of large diamonds, upon the points of which were huge pearls of great value. About her neck was a string of large pearls, thrown three times around the neck and shoulders, making a magnificent display of rare stones.

Mrs. Joseph Stickney, of New York, house guest of Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield, daughter of Senator Dupont, was also a striking figure, so far as jewels and beauty were concerned. She wore a plain gown of cloth of gold, with bands of rhinestones across the shoulders and sash ends of cloth of gold and cloth of silver. She wore a collar and a tiara of enormous diamonds, the points of each tipped with a huge pear-shaped stone worth a small fortune. A number of corsage pins of diamonds and pearls finished her costume.

Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, wife of the former United States Minister to the Netherlands, wore a beautiful gown of white satin, veiled with white tulle covered with pearls, the tulle drapery finished with tiny pearl fringe, and a number of superb diamond pins, the center marked with a pin and pendant of superb emeralds of great size. A dog collar of diamonds and pearls and a diamond ornament in her hair finished her costume. Miss Yvonne Townsend was attractive in bright red chiffon velvet, the top of the bodice finished with white tulle.

Mrs. Longworth There.

A trio of really famous beauties entered the East Room from the main stairway together, and were at once the center of attraction. They were Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Miss Mathilde Townsend, and Miss Isabel May. In an instant every eye in the north end of the East Room was upon them. Mrs. Longworth wore deep yellow brocade satin, with a shoulder drape of dull gray net, with long diamond earrings and a diamond spray in front of her hair. She wore a string of pearls about her neck.

Mrs. Townsend wore pale yellow satin, made in the graceful princess style, with soft white tulle and lace about the upper part of the bodice, her hair dressed in the soft low fashion of the day and without ornament, and with a single string of pearls about her neck. Miss May wore a gown of dark satin, with rare lace draped about her shoulders, and her dark hair ornamented with a Grecian cap of pearls.

Close behind them were Senator Elkins and his tall, fair daughter, Miss Katherine Elkins, who wore white satin, made in long severe lines, with long train, and some soft lace about the shoulders. She also wore pearls.

Mrs. George Howard wore black velvet, with sleeves of puffed white tulle, and tulle finished the décolleté neck. She wore a dog collar of diamonds and a tiara. Mrs. Crowninshield was in pale blue chiffon over cream satin, embroidered elaborately on the bodice with pearls. Mrs. Root, wife of Senator Root, was gowned in rich heavy pearl-colored brocade satin with a band of sable about the bottom of the skirt and up one side over the shoulder. She wore some rare point lace and diamonds.

Mrs. Newlands, wife of Senator Newlands, wore lavender satin, with a dog collar of diamonds and large sapphires, and a string of pearls. Miss Wise, her debutante, wore pink chiffon, with a necklace of gold in antique design, set with turquoise; Mrs. Depew, wife of Senator Depew, of New York, blue brocade satin, with soft lace.

Mme. Nabuco, wife of the Brazilian

Ambassador, cloth of gold, diamonds; Miss Nabuco, blue satin embroidered in white; Mrs. Bryce, wife of the British Ambassador, gray satin embroidered; Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German Ambassador, black velvet and diamonds; Countess Louise-Alexandra von Bernstorff, pale yellow satin.

Miss Marta Calvo wore white crepe de chine embroidered in crystals; Mme. Harrarte, lavender silk covered with silver lace and embroidery; Mme. Mejia, lilac silk embroidered with gold spangles and made empire; Miss Amalia Mejia, old rose satin, tunic of gold, and Russian net edged with silver fringe, and long draped hair, caught with rosette.

Mme. Jussac's Gown.

Mme. Jussac, wife of the French Ambassador, wore sapphire blue velvet and point lace; Miss Maria Carbo, pink satin; Miss Ana Carbo, white lace; Miss Maria Teresa Carbo, yellow satin, with white embroidery; Fran von Lavenius, light blue and gold brocade, embroidered with pearls.

Baroness Hengelmüller, wife of the Austrian Ambassador, wore white velvet embroidered in silver; Mrs. Newberry, wife of the former Secretary of the Navy, pale yellow satin, with bands of rhinestone trimming, a string of pearls around her neck; Miss Newberry, gray chiffon cloth with gray beaded silk drapery; Miss Corcoran, wife of the former Minister from Nicaragua, American Beauty satin, with drapery of black lace, and diamond ornaments.

Gowned in White Satin.

Miss Adea, white satin and chiffon; Mrs. Marshall, wife of Gen. William L. Marshall, Chief of Engineers, wore black net, daintily jetted, over white satin, with jet ornaments; Mrs. Arkwright, of Atlanta, sister of Mrs. Marshall, shell pink moire bengaline, with embroidery of white and gold upon the bodice, and diamond and pearl ornaments; Miss Marshall, pink satin princess gown; Mrs. James Pinchot, black lace over black, with diamonds; Mrs. Crane, wife of Senator Murray Crane, dull pink satin, veiled in white tulle, and studded thickly with pearls.

Mrs. Witherspoon, wife of Gen. Witherspoon, wore yellow brocade satin and pearls; Mrs. J. J. Richardson, American Beauty panne velvet, with Venetian lace and diamonds; Miss Cannon, daughter of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, green satin, veiled with black lace and chiffon, with pearls; Mrs. Guggenheim, wife of Senator Guggenheim, blue brocade satin, with lace and pearls; Mrs. Ayres, American Beauty satin princess gown; Mrs. Hennen Jesmond, white satin, with tunic of gold embroidered net, pearl and diamond dog collar and diamond tiara.

Mrs. Richard Sylvester wore light blue satin princess and point lace; Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw, wife of the former Secretary of the Treasury, cloth of gold with overdress of point applique lace, with diamond ornaments; Mrs. Rudolph Kauffmann, gray satin; Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, black lace over white satin; Mrs. Carter, wife of Senator Carter, of Montana, black satin with bands of gold embroidery and gold lace trimming on the bodice; Mrs. Smoot, wife of Senator Reed Smoot, black satin princess, with diamonds; Miss Smoot, pink satin; Mrs. William Kearney Kerr, black jetted net over black satin, with dog collar or pearls.

Wore Collar of Diamonds.

Mrs. Charles L. McCawley wore white satin, embroidered in white, with dog collar of pearls and diamonds and diamond and pearl tiara; Mrs. Anderson, white satin, with front panel of white embroidery and point lace on bodice and sleeves, and diamond ornaments; Mme. Chermont, wife of the secretary of the Brazilian Embassy, pink satin; Miss Alice Blech, pale blue satin princess gown, with princess lace sleeves and trimmings; Mrs. Hull, wife of Representative Hull, black satin and jet; Mrs. T. A. Wickersham, white chiffon, with satin stripes, trimmed with bands of white embroidery, with dog collar of pearls and diamonds; Mrs. Anderson, white satin, with tunic of gold embroidered net, pearl and diamond dog collar and diamond tiara.

Mrs. Boardman, purple velvet with point lace; Mrs. Hunt Slater, gray chiffon cloth over gray satin, with dog collar of silver; Mrs. John W. Foster, red velvet with bertha of Spanish lace, with pearls and diamonds; Mrs. Walter Wellman, white satin with gold embroidery and pearls; Miss Butler, pale yellow satin empire gown, with yellow chiffon; Mrs. O'Loughlin, wife of former Assistant Secretary of State, white satin, veiled with white tulle, studded with crystals, and finished with crystal fringe, with an antique necklace of pearls in several rows.

Trimmed with Crystals.

Mrs. Cassidy, white satin with crystal trimmings; Mrs. Robert J. Wynne, white satin and gold, with diamond ornaments; Mrs. Wirt Dexter, of New York, house guest of Secretary and Mrs. MacVeagh, white satin and gold; Miss Reynolds, niece of Mrs. Joseph Stickney, and house guest of Mrs. Crowninshield, pale blue satin; Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president general Daughters of American Revolution, lavender velvet, with rose point and diamonds; Mrs. Huntington Wilson, wife of the Assistant Secretary of State, heavy white satin, with trimmings of pearls and crystals, with antique long earrings of pearl.

Mrs. John E. Reayburn, wife of the mayor of Philadelphia, white satin; Miss Grace Dunneath, Odell, cream point d'esprit over pink mesaline satin, trimmed in lace and silver.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Negro Given Five Years for Mailing Obscene Matter.

RETURN OTHER INDICTMENTS

E. T. Beery Charged with Taking Letter from Mails—Arguments on Demurrer in Case of D. H. Taylor Under Adversement—Charters Granted by the Corporation Commission.

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WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, 625 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 4.—"You should consider yourself lucky," said Judge Edmund Waddill, in the United States Court for the Eastern district of Virginia this afternoon in sentencing Winter W. Harris, negro, to five years in the penitentiary, at Atlanta, to which sentence there was added a fine of \$1,000, on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails to young white women. The grand jury this afternoon returned a true bill against Harris, and he was immediately tried. The jury returned the foregoing verdict.

Other indictments returned by the jury were as follows: E. T. Beery, of Fauquier County, suspected of taking a letter from the mails; released on \$1,000 bond for his appearance at next term of court. Virgie Carter, of Fairfax County, suspected of mailing obscene matter through the mails. Capias issued for arrest of the accused; Lemuel Crawford, of Alexandria County, for violating the liquor laws; bench warrants issued for arrest of accused; George Shuter, for violating the liquor laws; a bench warrant issued for accused; Garrison Beckwith and W. P. Jones, of King George County suspected of making a false entry on a civil service examination paper; capias issued for arrest of accused.

Afterward the grand jury was discharged for the term, and court adjourned over until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, when the petit jury will meet and take up a number of cases for consideration.

After hearing arguments on a demurrer in the case of D. H. Taylor against the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company, Judge J. B. T. Thornton this afternoon took the matter under advisement. A jury yesterday afternoon in the Circuit Court fixed Taylor's damages at \$1,500 for the loss of a limb. The company demurred to the evidence and arguments were heard to-day.

Owing to the absence of a material witness for the defendant company, the suit of John J. Lawler to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 from the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company, slated to have been heard in the Circuit Court to-day, was continued until January 12.

The Oxidase Laboratories, incorporated this city, has been granted a charter by the state corporation commission with a maximum capital stock of \$50,000, and a minimum capital stock of \$1,000. Objects are to manufacture medicines. The officers are: W. F. S. Tonsen, president; W. P. Ripley, vice president; N. S. Moss, secretary and treasurer, all of Washington.

The Gibson Corporation, Falls Church, Va., the objects of which are a lumber business, has also been granted a charter with a capital stock of \$25,000. The officers are: J. N. Gibson, president; E. D. Johnson, secretary and treasurer; M. E. Church, all of Falls Church.

The following thirty-five talesmen have been summoned from Charlottesville, Va., by Sergeant Robert H. Cox, from which will be selected a jury for the trial of Henry Smith, the negro who turned State's evidence in the murder case of Walter F. Schultz, in the Corporation Court Thursday morning next: A. M. Runkle, L. N. Triplett, R. W. Forlonies, J. W. Robinson, J. H. Nalls, S. J. Dudley, J. E. Jarman, J. A. Letch, W. W. Dupre, S. G. Blakey, E. L. Pugh, C. M. Wood, W. H. Greaver, George Robinson, J. M. Brown, James L. Young, S. H. Florence, E. R. Newman, H. E. Parrott, F. B. Tetter, G. L. Jessup, W. E. White, J. S. Burnley, C. H. Birch, R. E. Carter, E. R. Glanning, J. H. Woods, W. E. Elliott, A. V. Conway, W. S. Wilkins, W. W. Bryan, Simpson Williams, R. S. Cole, H. S. Davis, and J. W. Smith.

At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum at its hall tonight the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: C. T. Hellmuth, president; F. T. Quinn, first vice president; M. C. Boone, second vice president; William Toomey, recording secretary; C. R. Hellmuth, financial secretary; R. L. Carne, treasurer, and E. Hyland Brawner, sergeant-at-arms.

Beginning Monday afternoon next at 3 o'clock, H. Noel Garner, special commissioner, will commence taking testimony for the plaintiff in the case of Mrs. Lida A. French against Lawrence Rishell or others in which the plaintiff seeks to prevent by injunction proceedings the erection of a planing mill at the southeast corner of Columbus or Wilkes streets. Judge Thornton, of the Circuit Court, has given each side fifteen days in which to take testimony.

The George W. Knox Express Company held its annual meeting here to-day and elected the following directors: J. J. Dazlington, Jed Githens, N. K. van Arsdale, G. V. Knox, W. S. Knox, J. R. Canon was reappointed attorney for the company in this city.

R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, has appointed a committee of arrangements for its annual banquet, which will be held January 13, next. In observance of Lee's birthday, as follows: G. W. Ham Ramsay, chairman; Edgar Warfield, sr., P. F. Gorman, John W. Hammond, J. P. Davidson, R. M. Latham, William H. May.

The recently elected officers of Scepta Lodge, No. 48, I. O. O. F., were installed tonight by District Deputy Grand Master C. W. O'Meara. There was a large gathering of the members present.

In a well-contested game of basketball the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum team this evening defeated the Alexandria Light Infantry team by a score of 11 to 9 at Armory Hall.

Second Lieut. Carroll H. May has been chosen first lieutenant of the Alexandria Light Infantry to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieut. R. H. C. Beverley. Arthur Herbert, jr., first sergeant of the company, has been chosen



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PLACE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO-DAY

DEMOCRATS CAUCUS.

Gorman Selected for President of the Senate.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 4.—Except for a wrangle over the order introduced by Senator Harper, of Queen Anne County, providing for reform and economy in the number of employees during the session, the caucus of the Democratic members of the Maryland legislature to-night was without a hitch, and the slate as agreed upon at the conference of the leaders in Baltimore last night.

Arthur P. Gorman, of Howard County, was chosen as president of the senate, and Adam S. Peoples, of Cecil County, as speaker of the house of delegates. Both of these selections were made several weeks ago by Gov. Crothers. The

other presiding officials for both houses were chosen as follows:

For secretary of the senate, Max Ways, Baltimore; journal clerk, W. Trickett Giles, Baltimore; reading clerk, Walter R. Townsend, Baltimore County; sergeant-at-arms, George A. Showers, Carroll County; chief engrossing clerk, L. B. Kerr, Wilcomico County.

House of delegates—Chief clerk, Albert J. Almoney, Montgomery County; journal clerk, Robert Carter Hall, Prince George County; reading clerk, Humphrey D. Wolfe, Howard County; chief engrossing clerk, Oliver L. Rhodes, Baltimore; sergeant-at-arms, Alvin Downey, Dorchester County.

The pronounced feature of the autumn is the separate coat worn with the princess gown.

HOTEL MEN IN SESSION.

Virginia and North Carolina Association at Norfolk.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—The Virginia and the North Carolina Hotel Men's associations met here in joint convention to-day. Mayor Riddick welcomed the bonifaces to the city.

Rev. W. H. T. Squires, pastor of the Knox Presbyterian Church, of Norfolk, has been called by the Synod of Missouri to the office of synodical evangelist of Missouri. He has the call under consideration. He came to Norfolk from Bristol, Tenn., less than a year ago.

FOLLOWS HUSBAND TO GRAVE.

Two Deaths Are Few Months Apart and One Child Survives.

Shepherdstown W. Va., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Laura Edwards died at her home here last night after a brief illness of consumption. She was twenty-nine years old. Mrs. Edwards survived her husband, who died of the same disease, by only a few months. She is survived by one child.

Pope Names New Bishop.

Rome, Jan. 4.—Upon the recommendation of the consistorial congregation the Pope to-day appointed Rev. J. J. Rice, of St. Peter's, North Bridge, Mass., diocese of Springfield, to be Bishop of Burlington, Vt.

Dies of Football Injuries.

Newark, Jan. 4.—Floyd E. Huft, sixteen years old, died at his home, 343 North Seventh street, to-day of injuries suffered in a football game last October.



THE SPARROW.
We should be glad the sparrow stays
With us throughout the winter days.
For now when prices all grow steep,
His note's the only thing that's "cheep."
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Right side down, between seats.